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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The following are Applicant's comments on the Examiner's Statements of Reasons for Allowance included with the Notice of Allowability dated December 22, 2004 (at paragraph 4) and the Statements of Reasons for Allowance included with the Office Action of July 14, 2004 (at paragraph 7). The two Statements are identical and thus will be considered together and collectively referred to as ("The Statement").

The Statement appears to paraphrase certain language from some of the claims, but the Statement refers to aspects or limitations that are not present in most or any of the claims. For

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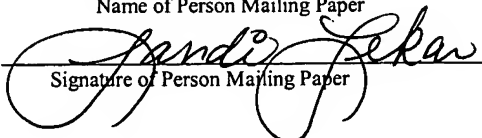
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example, The Statement indicates “fails to specifically teach or fairly suggest that a beam generator of the scanning apparatus is disposed in the collection lens.” There is no such limitation in Claim 21, although there is a light source there is no “beam generator” limitation and the claim refers to a collection system, but does not specify a collection lens. Further, although Claim 21 refers to a primary scan mirror, it does not include limitations of a “facet wheel.” Indeed, dependent Claim 22 depending on Claim 21 includes the limitation “wherein said primary scan mirror comprises a facet wheel” indicating that the primary scan mirror limitation of Claim 21 is broader than a facet wheel.

There are other aspects of The Statement which do not apply to the claims as allowed. Nonetheless, it is submitted that the claims in their present form are allowable over the items of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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